

Council Minutes March 27, 2012

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive, on the 27th day of March, 2012, with the following members present:

Jim Story
Chris Brown
Ray Champney
Roger Fisher
Jim Griffin
Roy Savage
Roy W. Turner

Mayor
Council Members

constituting a quorum.

Staff present included:

Beverly Griffith
David Miller
Michael Wells
Roger Gibson
James Tindell

City Manager
Deputy City Manager
City Secretary
Police Chief
Fire Chief

REGULAR SESSION 6:30 P.M.

The Regular Session began at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Story called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION (Pastor Kevin Smith, Faith Christian Fellowship Church)

Pastor Kevin Smith of Faith Christian Fellowship Church gave tonight's invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

OPEN FORUM

Nobody chose to speak under tonight's Open Forum.

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation declaring April 2012 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Mayor Story read a proclamation declaring April 2012 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Shellie McMillon, the Center Coordinator for the Arlington Office of Alliance for Children, was on hand to accept the proclamation. Ms. McMillon stated that the Alliance for Children is celebrating their 20th year. They

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have enjoyed working in partnership the Police Department to protect the children of the City and of Tarrant County.

2. Proclamation declaring April 2, 2012 as World Autism Awareness Day.

Mayor Story read a proclamation declaring April 2, 2012 as World Autism Awareness Day. Lauren Power, a special education teacher with HEBISD, was on hand to accept the proclamation. Ms. Power stated that she greatly appreciates the City's support for this day. Mayor Story asked for an email to be sent out to the employees encouraging them to wear blue on April 2.

3. Santa USA to present a special recognition to the Police and Fire Departments.

David Moon of Santa USA commended the Council for their service. He stated that Bedford is the home of Santa USA and that it started 32 years ago in a pick-up truck. He recognized people in the audience who volunteered with Santa USA. Their program kicks off the second week of November with "Wishful Wings," which involves children with life-threatening diseases. They made 95 stops this past year, with 90% being made in the helicopter. He stated that Bedford was the first City to give them donations. Their budget runs almost \$50,000 a year and approximately 95% of that goes for helicopter time. They have almost 300 volunteers and saw approximately 150,000 people in November and December. He presented plaques to Police Chief Roger Gibson and Fire Chief James Tindell as recognition for what they do in assisting with Santa USA.

4. Employee Service Recognition.

The following employees received recognition for dedicated service and commitment to the City of Bedford:

Joey Gauger, Police Department – 15 years of service
Les Hawkins, Police Department – 25 years of service
Doug Crowell, Police Department – 25 years of service

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

5. The following individuals have requested to speak to the Council tonight under Persons to be Heard.

- **William Ledbetter, 3006 Bramble Oaks Court, Bedford TX – Requested to speak to Council to recap last Saturday's Clean Up Bedford event.**

William Ledbetter, 3006 Bramble Oaks Court – Mr. Ledbetter gave a brief report on the Clean Up Bedford and Chunk Your Junk events this past Saturday sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Board and the Beautification Commission. During Chunk Your Junk, 101 vehicles came through Meadowpark. Five roll-off containers were collected, three of which were brush and limbs. The remainder was bulky items, including household items and electronics. In regards to the electronics, 2,233 pounds were picked up by STS Recycling out of Jacksonville at no cost to the City. STS Recycling will be here again on April 21 when Parks and Beautification host the Crud Cruiser event for household hazardous waste. For Clean Up Bedford, the Beautification Commission collected roadside litter along Harwood Road and Forest Ridge Drive while 6Stones collected litter along Industrial Boulevard. He will share the results of the Crud Cruiser event at an April Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

6. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes: a) March 13, 2012 regular meeting

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Motioned by Councilman Champney, seconded by Councilman Griffin, to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2012 regular meeting.

Motion approved 7-0-0. Mayor Story declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Discussion regarding and receive Council direction on Board and Commission vacancies.

City Secretary Michael Wells presented information regarding vacancies on the City's Boards and Commissions and sought Council direction on the possibility of a mid-year application process. There are currently 25 vacancies, with the possibility of more as several board and commission members are running for City Council. Council was of the consensus to have a mid-year appointment process and set the Council interview date for Tuesday, June 5. Council recommended that, along with advertising through the website, B-TV and Facebook, contact also be made with homeowner associations. Council was also of the consensus to interview the applicants already on file prior to the April 10 Council meeting, with any appointments being made at the April 24 meeting.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding participation in Arts Council Northeast Triple Crown Event on Saturday, May 19, 2012. *Item requested by Councilman Champney**

Councilman Champney requested this item be placed on the agenda for discussion and possible action. The City has received a request from Arts Council Northeast to participate in the Triple Crown fundraising event. The total sponsorship in order to have a table at the event is \$2,500. The City has approved \$27,000 in the budget for the Arts Council; there is currently \$1,600 remaining, so an additional \$900 would need to be added that is not currently budgeted. The funds would either need to come from additional revenue or from another line item if it comes under budget. Council was of the consensus to hold off on taking action on this item until April, as the event's website states that the price for a table goes down to \$1,500 after April 19.

9. Report on most recent meeting of the following Boards and Commissions:

✓ Animal Control Board- Councilman Griffin

No report was given.

✓ Animal Shelter Advisory Board- Councilman Griffin

No report was given.

✓ Beautification Commission- Councilman Turner

Councilman Turner thanked the Commission and stated that they are some of the hardest working people in the City. He mentioned Michael Boyter and William Ledbetter as a couple of the leaders responsible for their good, hard work.

✓ Community Affairs Commission- Councilman Fisher

Councilman Fisher reported that the Commission is working diligently on the Energy Smart in Bedford event being held at the Library on April 14 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free and there are some good Bedford businesses underwriting the event including My Credit Union, Locke Supply and Oncor.

✓ Cultural Commission- Councilman Champney

Councilman Champney reported that the Commission met the previous night and they are starting to move along from the standpoint of planning purposes. Other activities taking place in the City in regards

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to development, including meetings attended by Chairperson Alicia McGlinchey, have helped refocus the direction of the Commission. They plan on having a recommendation by June or July.

Library Board- Councilman Brown

No report was given.

✓ Parks & Recreation Board- Councilman Griffin

Councilman Griffin reported that the Board is working on their presentation for a proposed dog park and will be bringing before Council ideas regarding its location, as well as fundraising ideas to get it off the ground. Last week, the Board took a lot of the newer members on a tour of the parks. The Board also cleaned up a number of trails during the Clean Up Bedford event.

✓ Senior Citizen Advisory Board- Councilman Savage

No report was given.

✓ Teen Court Advisory Board- Councilman Griffin

Councilman Griffin reported that the Teen Court Banquet will be held on April 26 at the Hurst Convention Center. Details are still being worked out on the live auction.

10. Council member reports

Councilman Griffin stated that he participated in the CPR Spring Blitz and he made a special note of the great turnout of City employees.

Councilman Griffin stated that 800 people showed up for the Spring Blitz on Saturday. It is a tremendous event and he is proud that the citizens, businesses and churches have coalesced around the program.

Councilman Turner stated that Channel 5 did a nice presentation that highlighted Bedford's participation in CPR.

Councilman Savage stated he visited five or six of the CPR sites and he thanked City employees for their participation.

Councilman Champney stated that it was a tremendous event and there was a good turnout. He visited houses on Friday and Saturday and he was impressed by all the volunteers. He stated the program was a catalyst for building a sense of community.

Mayor Story apologized for not attending some events last week due to scheduling conflicts and thanked Councilman Champney for filling in for him.

11. City Manager report

City Manager Beverly Griffith stated that much of the thanks for the City of Bedford team during CPR needs to go to Human Resources Director Jill McAdams. She encouraged her peers on the City management team to participate and there was a good turnout from a variety of departments. Ms. Griffith reported that a Fraud Prevention Seminar for seniors will be held at the Senior Center on April 5 at 10:00 a.m. This is a collaborative effort between the Police Department and Representative Kenny Marchant's office.

12. Take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

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No action was necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Story adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Jim Story, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Wells, City Secretary